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on or before the last day on which the return is required to be filed for the return period in which the error was ascertained.

(ii) If a return is filed for a return period, and if no income tax, or less than the correct amount of income tax, required under section 3402 to be withheld from wages paid to an employee in such period is reported on such return and paid to the district director, and such underpayment is not reported as an adjustment within the time prescribed by paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this section, the amount of such underpayment shall be (a) reported on the employer's next return, if such next return is for any return period in the calendar year in which the wages were paid, or (b) reported immediately on a supplemental return.

(3) *Payment of amounts reported as undercollections or underpayments.* (i) For provisions relating to the employer's liability for an underpayment of tax unless he can show that the income tax against which the tax under section 3402 may be credited has been paid, see § 31.3402(d)-1.

(ii) Except as provided in § 31.3402 (d)-1, any amount reported as an adjustment within the meaning of this paragraph shall be paid to the district director, without interest, at the time fixed for reporting the adjustment.

(iii) For interest accruing on amounts which are not paid when due, see section 6601.

(4) *Deductions from employee.* If no income tax, or less than the correct amount of income tax, required under section 3402 to be withheld from wages is deducted from wages paid to an employee in a calendar year, the employer shall collect the amount of the undercollection on or before the last day of such year by deducting such amount from remuneration of the employee, if any, under his control. Such deductions may be made even though the remuneration, for any reason, does not constitute wages. Any undercollection in a calendar year not corrected by a deduction made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this subparagraph is a matter for settlement between the employee and the employer within such calendar year. For provisions re-

lating to the employer's liability for the tax, whether or not he collects it from the employee, see § 31.3403-1.

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§ 31.6205-2 Adjustments of underpayments of hospital insurance taxes that accrue after March 31, 1986, and before January 1, 1987, with respect to wages of State and local government employees.

(a) *Adjustments without interest.* A State or local government employer who makes, or has made, an undercollection or underpayment of the hospital insurance taxes imposed by sections 3101(b) and 3111(b) that—

(1) Are required to be paid by reason of section 3121(u)(2), and

(2) Are required to be reported on returns due July 31, 1986, October 31, 1986, or February 2, 1987.

may make an adjustment without interest with respect to such taxes provided that all such taxes for the time period specified in paragraph (a)(2) (except for amounts that are subsequently paid pursuant to an interest-free adjustment under § 31.6205-1) are paid on or before February 2, 1987.

(b) *Example.* The application of the provisions of this section are illustrated by the following example:

Example. A State or local government employer should have withheld and paid \$100 dollars in hospital insurance taxes for the quarter beginning April 1, 1986, and ending June 30, 1986. The due date for the return and payment for that period is July 31, 1986. If the employer made the payment by February 2, 1987, then, under section 6601, interest is not assessable with respect to the underpayment of the hospital insurance taxes. If the employer did not make the payment by February 2, 1987, the interest is assessable for the period from July 31, 1986, until the time of payment.

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§ 31.6302-1 Federal tax deposit rules for withheld income taxes and taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) attributable to payments made after December 31, 1992.

(a) *Introduction.* With respect to employment taxes attributable to payments made after December 31, 1992, an employer is either a monthly depositor or a semi-weekly depositor based on an annual determination. An employer must generally deposit employment taxes under one of two rules: the Monthly rule in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, or the Semi-Weekly rule in paragraph (c)(2) of this section. Various exceptions and safe harbors are provided. Paragraph (f) of this section provides certain safe harbors for employers who inadvertently fail to deposit the full amount of taxes. Paragraph (c)(3) of this section provides an overriding exception to the Monthly and Semi-Weekly rules where an employer has accumulated \$100,000 or more of employment taxes. Paragraph (e) of this section provides the definition of employment taxes.

(b) *Determination of status—(1) In general.* The determination of whether an employer is a monthly or semi-weekly depositor for a calendar year is based on an annual determination and generally depends upon the aggregate amount of employment taxes reported by the employer for the lookback period as defined in paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

(2) *Monthly depositor—(i) In general.* An employer is a monthly depositor for the entire calendar year if the aggregate amount of employment taxes reported for the lookback period is \$50,000 or less.

(ii) *Special rule.* An employer ceases to be a monthly depositor on the first